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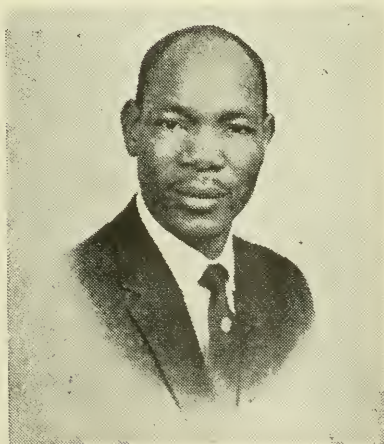
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P. O. Mutambara, Rhodesia.

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Bishop Abel Tendekayi Muzorewa

SECRETARY OF THE CONFERENCE



Mr. E. Musumhi

Part I

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- Administrative Assistant to the Bishop:** Rev. Kare E. Eriksson, Epworth Theological College, Box 97H, Hatfield, Salisbury.— Telephone: 55529 Salisbury.
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C. MEMBERS OF THE CONFERENCE

(Year indicates beginning of minister as member on trial and "p" indicates present at the last session of the Annual Conference).

1. RETIRED MINISTERS:

- 1934 Chieza, Luke, Rujeko Store, P. B. A7001, Umtali.
- 1927 p Chieza, Philip, P. O. Box 136, Rusape.
- 1927 Chieza, Samuel, c/o Tanda Store, P. O. Box 28, Headlands.
- 1926 Chimbadzwa, Josiah, P. O. Watsomba.
- 1933 p Chitombo, Jonah, P. O. Mutambara.
- 1907 James, Henry I., Harbour House West Bay, Bridport Desert, England.
- 1932 Kasambira, Silas, P. B. C7314, Umtali.
- 1924 p Katsidzira, Benjamin, P. B. M7209, Umtali.
- 1930 Katsidzira, Hosea, P. O. Box 62, Mrewa.
- 1953 p Machiri, Jonah, Chipfatsura, P. O. Box 97, Odzi.
- 1930 Machiri, Patrick, Chipfatsura, P. O. Box 97, Odzi.
- 1930 Maramba, Johnson, Nyakatsapa, P. O. Watsomba.
- 1928 Muparutsa, Moses, Muparutsa School, c/o Gatsi School, P. B. 8, Penhalonga.
- 1930 p Munjoma, Enoch, Matendeudze, P. O. Mutambara.
- 1928 Nduna, John, c/o Rowa School, P. B. C7319, Umtali.
- 1910 O'Farrell, T. A., 417 Kitchel Ave., Pana, Illinois, USA. 62557
- 1921 Roberts, George A., Penny Farms, P. O. Box 543, Florida 32079, USA.
- 1930 p Rugayo, Jackson, c/o Nyanyadzi Methodist Church, P. O. Nyanyadzi.
- 1948 p Jangano, Elijah, Old Umtali, P. B. P7024, Umtali.

2. EFFECTIVE MINISTERS:

- 1958 p Alvord, Alexander, P. O. Box 8293, Causeway, Salisbury.
- 1948 Anfinzen, Hans F., (furlough)
- 1953 p Ball, Marcia M., Old Umtali Methodist Centre, P. B. P7024, Umtali.
- 1955 p Bisby, Joseph B., Nyamuzuwe High School, P. O. Box 57, Mtoko.
- 1952 Bjerkerot, Ernst, (furlough).
- 1940 p Blomquist, Lennart, G., Old Umtali, P. B. P7024, Umtali.
- 1948 p Chidzikwe, Josiah, P. B. P7024, Umtali.
- 1942 p Chigubu, Nason, Manyika School, Uzumba Council, P. O. Uzumba, Via Mrewa.
- 1953 p Chikosi, Davidson, Nyanyadzi Methodist Church, P. O. Nyanyadzi.
- 1955 p Chimbganda, Elijah, Mrewa East Circuit, Mrewa Kraal, P. O. Box 10, Mrewa.

- 1968 p Chitima, Moregood, P. B. 26, Odzi.
 1952 p Chiza, Martin, Highfield Circuit, 4402 Highfields, Salisbury.
 1948 p Choto, Kenneth, Nyamutumbu, P. B. 645E., Salisbury.
 1943 p Culver, Maurice, Epworth Theological College, Box 97H, Hatfield, Salisbury.
 1957 p Curtis, Thomas L., P. O. Box 8293, Causeway, Salisbury.
 1954 p Dikanifuwa, Nason, Mrewa Methodist Centre, P. B. 62, Mrewa.
 1941 p Eriksson, Kare E., Epworth Theological College, P. O. Box 97H, Hatfield Salisbury.
 1956 Goodloe, Robert W., Hendrix College, Conway, Ark.
 1948 Griffin Hunter D., Methodist Board of Missions, 475 Riverside Drive, N.Y. 10027.
 1952 p Gurupira, Philemon, Mtoko Mission, P. O. Box 58, Mtoko.
 1963 p Gurure, J. Johnstone, P. O. Box 34, Mrewa.
 1948 Harper, Kenneth, 355 Transylvania Park, Lexington, Ky.
 1937 Hassing, Per, Boston University School of Theology, 745 Commonwealth Ave., Boston, Mass. 02115.
 1959 Heyer, Edward (furlough)
 1962 p Jijita, Elliot, 26 Chinamhora St., Harare, Salisbury.
 1953 p Jijita, John B., Mutambara Methodist Centre, P. O. Mutambara
 1951 p Johnson, J. Morgan, Nyadiri, P. B. 636E, Salisbury.
 1959 Kaemmer, John (furlough)
 1942 p Kajese, Amon C., Chindenga School, P. O. Mtoko.
 1965 p Kadenge, Fanuel, Mutambara Methodist Centre, P. O. Mutambara.
 1961 p Kalso, Milton, Nyadiri Teacher Training College, P. B. 636E, Salisbury.
 1967 p Kanonuhwa, Arthur, P. O. Box 3002, Sakubva, Umtali.
 1960 Kapenzi, Geoffrey, Boston University School of Theology, 745 Commonwealth Ave., Boston Mass. 02115
 1955 p Katsande, Alfred, Nyamuzuwe, P. O. Box 57, Mtoko.
 1953 Kawadza, Jonah, Drew University School of Theology, Madison, New Jersey. 07940.
 1960 Kurewa, John, Overseas.
 1965 Kurewa, Josiah, Overseas.
 1953 p Kuwana, Elisha, Chitenderano, P. B. 6, Inyazura.
 1948 p Leiknes, Asbjorn, P. O. Mutambara.
 1953 p Madzinga, Nason, Mtoko Methodist Centre, P. O. Box 58 Mtoko
 1966 p Makunike, Willas, Mundenda, P. B. 454, Umtali.
 1948 p Makuto, Daniel, Nyadiri, P. B. 636E., Salisbury.
 1963 p Matongo, Rudolph, Arnoldine, P. O. Headlands.
 1968 p Mawanga, Wilson, Matendeudze, P. O. Mutambara.
 1968 p Mawokomatanda, Isaac, P. O .Box 196, Rusape.
 1951 Miller, Charles, (furlough).
 1965 p Mkasa, Caleb, P. O. Box 97, Odzi.
 1959 p Mudzengerere, David L., Mrewa Centre, P. B. 62, Mrewa.
 1967 p Mukangara, Samuel, Honde Valley, Gatsi School, P. Bag 88G, Penhalonga.
 1962 Munjoma, John, Perkins School of Theology, Dallas, Texas, 75205, USA.
 1942 p Munjoma, Samuel, Old Umtali, P. B. P7024, Umtali.
 1954 p Murphree, Marshall W., (furlough).
 1953 p Mushapaidze, Davidson, Makosa School, P. O. Box 83, Mtoko.
 1962 p Muziti, Josiah, Gandanzara, P. B. 8084, Rusape.
 1953 p Muzorewa, Abel T., P. O. Box 8293, Causeway, Salisbury.
 1956 p Muzulu, Samuel, Muradzikwa School, P. B. M7214, Umtali.
 1968 p Mwarewangepo, Zebediah, Mt. Makomwe, P. B. 93, Odzi.
 1966 p Nduna, Samuel, Muziti School, P. B. 8052, Rusape.

- 1965 p Nyakuengama, Samson, Mutsago School, P. B. P7006, Umtali.
 1948 p Nyamukapa, Patron, Nyadiri, P. B. 636E., Salisbury.
 1961 Nyamurowa, Dennison, Bible House, P. O. Box 740, Blantyre, Malawi.
 1964 p Nyanungo, Lovemore, Q 20, Mzilikazi Township, Bulawayo.
 1953 Otto, Grace, (furlough).
 1953 p Otto, Vivian, Epworth Theological College, P. O. Box 97H, Hatfield, Salisbury.
 1966 p Shamu, Kenneth, Munyarari School, P. B. C7377, Umtali.
 1943 Stine, Ovid, P. O. Box 115, Maun, Botswana.
 1955 p Thomas, Norman, P. O. Box 3566, Salisbury
 1965 p Zhungu, Lamech, Old Umtali, P. B. P7024, Umtali.
 1954 p Zuze, Solomon, P. B. 32, Mrewa.

3. MINISTERS ON TRIAL:

- 1965 Chikanya, Martin, Scandinavian Union Theological College
 1970 p Mandimutsira, Patricio, Box 10002, P. O. Mabvuku, Salisbury.
 1970 p Marara, William, Gandanzara, P. B. 8084, Rusape.
 1968 p Messenger, Frank, 3 Dawson St., Umtali.
 1969 p Mudiwa, Peter, Dendera Dam Development Project, P. O. Mtoko.
 1969 p Mvenge, Thomas, P. O. Box 3002, Sakubva, Umtali.
 1970 p Nderere, John, Mufakose Circuit, 37 Mwamuka St., P.O. Harare.
 1970 p Tsiga, Julius, Mrewa Centre, P. B. 62, Mrewa.

C. OTHER CONFERENCE WORKERS

1. APPROVED SUPPLY PASTORS:

- p Chapata, Edward, Mtoko Methodist Centre, P. O. Box 58, Mtoko.
 p Chidawanyika, Bernard, Nyamukwarara, Stapleford Forest Reserve, P. B. 72C, Penhalonga.
 p Chikodzi, E., Nyamombe Methodist Clinic, P. O. Box 2, Inyanga.
 p Dziwa, Nisbert, P. B. 62, Mrewa.
 p Kajese, Philemon, Chikore School, P. B. 56, Headlands.
 p Kasiyamhuru, Lazarus, Chikuhwa School, P. O. Box 33, Mrewa.
 p Makande, Josiah, Chakohwa School, P. B. C7314, Umtali.
 p Matambanadzo, Annual, Chikwizo, P. B. 504, Mtoko.
 p Masenda, Jairus, Dindi School, P. B. 49, Mrewa.
 p Mhandu, Kenneth, Zuze School, P. B. 7, Inyazura.
 p Mutanga, Evison, Bindura United Methodist Circuit, Box 19, P. O. Bindura.
 p Nkomo, Kaiboni, P. O. Box 172, Mangula.

2. DEACONESSES:

- p Samudzimu, Mrs. E., P. O. Box 3002, Sakubva, Umtali.

3. MISSIONARIES:

(Year indicates beginning of missionary service in Rhodesia)

a. Retired

- 1952 Aeschliman, Mrs. Myrtle, Olds Hall, P. O. Box 791, Daytona Beach, Fla., 32015.
 1907 Gates, Mrs. H. L., Pickering, Ontario, Canada.
 1923 Gates, Mrs. R. C., Olds Hall, P. O. Box 791, Daytona Beach, Fla., 32015.
 1926 Hansson, Ruth, Bergsgatan 2, Lulea, Sweden.
 1915 Hess, Stella, Brookes-Howell W.S.C.S. Home, Asheville, North Carolina.
 1950 Jones, Pearl Willis, 3104 Faber Dr., Falls Church, Va.
 1923 King, Sarah, 275 Robincroft Dr., Pasadena, Calif., 91104.

- 1920 Murphree, Mrs. M. J., Epworth Theological College, Box 97H, Hatfield, Salisbury.
- 1925 Nutting, Clara, Bancroft-Taylor Home, 74 Cookman, Ocean Grove, N.J. 07756.
- 1920 Parmenter, Ona, 275 Robincroft Dr. Pasadena, Calif., 91104.
- 1929 Pfaff, Jessie, 524 Bennett St., Bottineau, North Dakota, 58318.
- 1922 Reitz, Beulah, Brookes-Howell W.S.C.S. Home, Asheville, North Carolina, 29 Spears Ave.
- 1918 Roberts, Mrs. G. A., P. O. Box 543, Penny Farms, Fla. 32079.
- 1925 Scovill, Ila, P. O. Box 118, Pioneer, Ohio.
- 1952 Sheretz, Rev. D. Lamar, 2905 Randolph Rd., Silver Springs, Maryland. (Passed away January 19,1970).
- 1952 Sheretz, Mrs. D. L. (same as above)
- 1937 Whitney, Alice, 7715 Valmount St. Tayunga, Calif. 91042.

b. Effective

- 1959 Alvord, Dorothy, P. O. Box 8293, Causeway, Salisbury.
- 1951 Anfinson, Odney (furlough)
- 1945 Ashby, Elma, Nyadiri, P. B. 636E., Salisbury.
- 1961 Bisby, Dorothy, Nyamuzuwe, P. O. Box 57, Mtoko.
- 1966 Bjerkerot, Ula, (furlough).
- 1947 Blomquist, Maj-Stina, Old Umtali, P. B. P7024, Umtali.
- 1967 Brun, Margret, Nyadiri, P. B. 636E., Salisbury.
- 1967 Buterbaugh, John, Nyadiri, P. B. 636E., Salisbury.
- 1967 Buterbaugh, Nancy, (same as above)
- 1968 Butterfield, D. Allen, P. B. 62. Mrewa.
- 1968 Butterfield, Marcia (same as above)
- 1960 Carroll, Seavy, (furlough).
- 1960 Carroll, Virginia, (same as above).
- 1961 Close, Gerald, Nyadiri, P. B. 636E., Salisbury.
- 1961 Close, Miriam, (same as above).
- 1967 Christiansen, Karen, (furlough).
- 1945 Culver, Verna, Epworth Theological College, P. O. Box 97H, Hatfield, Salisbury.
- 1961 Curtis, Margaret, P. O. Box 8293, Causeway, Salisbury.
- 1961 Deale, Hugh, 133 Main St., Umtali.
- 1961 Deale, Marjorie, (same as above).
- 1960 Dewey, Lloyd, (furlough)
- 1960 Dewey, Joyce, (same as above)
- 1965 DeWolf, Edward, Old Umtali, P. B. P7024, Umtali.
- 1968 DeWolf, Shirley, (same as above)
- 1949 Eriksson, Osta, Epworth Theological College, P. O. Box 97H, Hatfield, Salisbury.
- 1969 Evans, Harry, 15 Phillips Street, Avondale, Salisbury.
- 1969 Evans, Marie, (same as above)
- 1969 Feiker, James, Mutambara, P. O. Mutambara.
- 1969 Feiker, Anne-Gure, Mutambara, P. O. Mutambara.
- 1961 Finster, Willam, Dendera Dam Development Project, P. O. Mtoko.
- 1961 Finster, Esther, (same as above).
- 1958 Fleshman, George, P. O. Box 8293, Causeway, Salisbury.
- 1958 Fleshman, Flora, (same as above)
- 1967 Fulmer, Pat, P. O. Box 8293, Causeway, Salisbury.
- 1951 Griffin, Ellabeth, c/o H. Griffin, Board of Missions of the United Methodist Church, 475 Riverside Dr., New York, N.Y., 10027.
- 1947 Johansson, Margit, Mutambara Medical, P. O. Mutambara.
- 1961 Johnson, Rosalie, Nyadiri, P. B. 636E., Salisbury.
- 1963 Kaemmer, Gloria, (furlough)
- 1963 Kalso, Geraldine, Nyadiri T. T. College, P. B. 636E, Salisbury.

- 1950 Kinyon, Wallace, (furlough)
 1950 Kinyon, Eunice, (same as above)
 1948 Leiknes, Astrid, Mutambara, P. O. Mutambara.
 1955 Lind, Ruth, Nyadiri, P. B. 636E, Salisbury.
 1965 Lindgren, Ruth, Nyadiri, P. B. 636E, Salisbury.
 1956 Matzigkeit, Everett, 140 Fern Rd., Hatfield, Salisbury.
 1956 Matzigkeit, Ruth (same as above)
 1968 Messenger, Susan, 3 Dawson St., Umtali.
 1953 Miller, Ellen, (furlough).
 1955 Murphree, Betty Jo, (furlough).
 1964 Nelvig, Margret, Jonar Court 2, Natal Road, Avondale, Salisbury
 1938 Parks, Edith, (furlough).
 1961 Post, Bernice, Sunnyside Methodist Homecraft School, P. O. Mutambara.
 1967 Rehm, Esther, Nyadiri Hospital, P. B. 636E., Salisbury.
 1946 Roberts, Tudor; Nyamuzuwe, P. O. Box 57, Mtoko.
 1946 Roberts, Emilie, (same as above).
 1962 Rudy, Donald B., Mutambara Medical, P. O. Mutambara.
 1962 Rudy, Ruth, (same as above)
 1957 Schevenius, John, 48 St. Andrews Rd., Hatfield, Salisbury.
 1957 Schevenius, Ruth, (same as above)
 1929 Sells, Rev. Ernest L. Old Umtali, P. B. P7024, Umtali.
 1929 Sells, Olga, (same as above)
 1963 Shryock, John, 6 Gloucester Dr., Eastlea, Salisbury.
 1963 Shryock, Ruth, (same as above)
 1968 Simon, Sue, Mrewa Centre, P. B. 62, Mrewa.
 1955 Simonsson, Bengt, P. O. Box 1192, Kitwe, Zambia.
 1955 Simonsson, Marta, (same as above)
 1943 Stine, Mava, P. O. Box 115, Maun, Botswana.
 1947 Taylor, Mildred, Epworth Theological College, P. O. Box 97H, Hatfield, Salisbury.
 1961 Thomas, Winnie, 4 Homestead Rd., P. O. Park Meadowlands, Salisbury.
 1965 Warman, Valjean, Old Umtali, P. B. P7024, Umtali.
 1965 Warman, Anne, (same as above).
 1968 Wilson, Barbara, Mutambara Medical, P. O. Mutambara.

Lay Members:

MREWA DISTRICT

- Chikore-Tanda:** Regis Chikore, Dewerwi School, P. B. 70, Headlands.
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Mrewa United Methodist Centre: Howard Memorial: Alec Chibanguza, p, P. B. 62, Mrewa, Nicholas Nyamupfukudza, p, P.B. 62, Mrewa
Mrewa East: Luke Zaranyika, p, Dapandowe School, Box 61, Mrewa.
Mrewa West: William Huni, p, Kambarami School, Box 9, Mrewa.
Mrewa South: Thomas Gwara, p, Darangwa School, Mt. Pleasant Store, P. O. Waterloo, Via Macheke.
Uzumba South: Nason Kaseke, p, Chikuhwa School, Box 33, Mrewa.
Maramba-Pfungwe: Brown Mutengambiri, p, Guyu School, P. B. 49, Mrewa.
Mrewa North: Lazarus Zaranyika, p, Nyamashato School, P. O. Box 26, Mrewa.
Nhowe Circuit: Represented by a delegate.

MTASA-MAKONI DISTRICT

- Chiduku North:** Newton Chiwara, p, Muziti, P. B. 8052, Rusape.
Chiduku South: Noah Kapumha, Sharara, P. O. Box 142, Inyazura.
Chizawana: David Nyatanga, P. B. 51, Gwangwadza, Rusape.

Honde Valley: Zachariah Mandimutsira, p, Mparutsa School, P. B. 82G, Penhalonga.

Gandanzara: Peter Nyatanga, p, Sherukuru School P. B. 8009, Rusape

Inyanga: Samuel Makunike, p, P. B. 5, Juliasdale.

Makoni: Columbus Nduna, Ndingi, P. B. 8004, Rusape.

Mundenda-Penhalonga: Phineas Dzeka, p, Mundenda, P. O. Box 454, Umtali.

Nyakatsapa: Jonathan Rwodzi, p, Zinyembe School, P. B. J7123, Umtali.

Nyamukwarara: Nathaniel Dozva, p, Manguwa U.M.C., Rupinda Store, P. O. Box 21, Penhalonga.

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Rusape, Wesley: Mrs. Peter Newhook, c/o P. O. Box 196, Rusape.

MTOKO-NYADIRI DISTRICT

Chikwizo: Jehosephat Banda, p, P. B. 504, Mtoko.

Dendera Circuit: Caiphas M. Lobo, Shinja School, Area C., P. O. Mtoko.

Mtoko East: Frank Chagwadera, p, Masango School, P. O. Mtoko.

Mtoko North: Lazarus Mandizha, p, P. O. Box 57, Mtoko and Ishmael Makaza, p, Tarewa School, P. O. Box 57, Mtoko.

Mtoko South: Langton Chikukwa, p, P. O. Box 58, Mtoko.

Mtoko West: Samuel Makawa, p, Manhamba School, P. O. Mtoko.

Nyadiri United Methodist Centre, O'Farrell Memorial: Rodwell Kambarami, p, P. B. 636E, Salisbury, and Mrs. Eddy Tsiga, p, P. B. 636E, Salisbury.

Nyadiri Circuit: Micah Dangarembga, p, Manyika School, P. B. 636E, Salisbury.

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Bindura-Mt. Darwin: W. Chidakwa, Chasara Kufa Farm, P. O. Box 62, Mt. Darwin.

Bulawayo: Howard P. Maviza, p, Block 49/1560, Mpopoma Township, Bulawayo.

Harare: Joice Zhanje, p, P. O. Harare, Salisbury.

Highfields: James Chiripamberi, p, 892 New Canaan, P. O. Highfield.

Mabvuku: Mrs. John Shryock, p, 6 Gloucester Drive, Eastlea, Salisbury

Mangula: David Zhungu, p, P. O. Box 172, Mangula.

Mufakose: Diamond Mugomezha, No. 195 Mtamba Drive, Mufakose Township, Salisbury.

UMTALI SOUTH DISTRICT

Marange Central: Wilson Mushambi, p, Mt. Makomwe School, P. B. 93, Odzi.

Marange North: Abisha Tsakatsa, p, Chipfatsura School, Box 97, Odzi.

Marange South: Albert Madondo, p, Maviza School, P. B. P7081, Umtali.

Marange West: Richard Munjoma, p, P. B. 62, Odzi (c/o Mamwara Store).

Mutambara United Methodist Centre: Nathan Goto, p, Mrs. Silas Mashingaidze, William Kodzai, p, alternate delegate, Mutambara Mission, P. O. Mutambara.

Mutambara East: Daniel Mathende, p, Chayamiti School, P. O. Mutambara.

Mutambara West: Elimon Makamanzi, p, Mhandarume School, Matsororo Halt, P. B. M7212, Umtali.

Nyanyadzi: Samuel Chibvuri, P. O. Nyanyadzi.

Umtali Hilltop: Miller Memorial Circuit: Mrs. Mercy Kasambira, p,
P. O. Box 3002, Sakubva, Umtali.

Zimunya North: Patrick Matsikenyiri, p, Rowa School, P. B.
C7319, Umtali.

Zimunya South: Benjamin Sachirarwe, p, P. B. C7377, Umtali.

DAILY PROCEEDINGS

Special Session of the Rhodesia Annual Conference

Friday, June 12, 1970—7: 30 p.m.

Bishop Donal Lamont of the Roman Catholic Church addressed the assembly on the topic, "World Reaction to Rhodesia."

Saturday June 13, 1970—7: 30 a.m.

Morning devotions were led by Bishop Muzorewa.

FIRST BUSINESS SESSION—June 13, 1970—8: 15 a.m.

1. OPENING: Conference was declared open by Bishop Abel T. Muzorewa.

2. ROLL CALL: The Assistant Secretaries called the roll of Conference members prior to beginning work.

3. BAR OF THE CONFERENCE: Kare Eriksson moved and conference adopted a motion that the first ten rows of the church be set aside as the official bar.

4. BALLOT FOR SECRETARY: Balloting was done to fill the vacancy left by our Conference Secretary's departure for studies overseas.

5. MOTION: Kare Eriksson moved and conference accepted that the election of Conference Secretary be dependent upon the successful candidate receiving over half the votes cast.

6. GREETINGS: Greetings were received from the Virginia Annual Conference in session. Rev. Eriksson brought greetings from the Rev. Henry I James, and many friends

and former missionaries in Sweden, Norway and Denmark. Bishop Muzorewa presented greetings from the Rev. and Mrs. Geoffrey Kapenzi and Dr. and Mrs. Per Hassing, and from Mr. Jack Grant.

7. WELCOME TO CONFERENCE: Missionaries welcomed back to Rhodesia included George Fleshman, Norman Thomas and Winifred Thomas and Vivian Otto. Shelby Trindal was welcomed as a new missionary. The treasurer of the Mozambique Annual Conference, Mr. Shadreck Zunguze, and Mr. Justin Nyoka, Special Correspondent for the Board of Missions were welcomed. The Youth Representatives from each of the five Districts were welcomed. They are: Mrewa—Ernest Mupfunya; Mtoko-Nyadiri—Enoch Matemachani; Mtasa-Makoni—Quentin Malianga; Salisbury-Bulawayo—Samuel Chimsoro; Umtali South—Felix Mapara.

8. CONFERENCE SECRETARY: Elliot Musumhi was elected secretary of the Annual Conference on the second ballot. He is the first layman to be elected to this office.

9. PRESENTATION OF FATHER RANDOLPH: Fr. Randolph, S.J. of the Roman Catholic Church was introduced to the conference as the guest speaker. After his lucid presentation, the conference was temporarily adjourned.

SECOND BUSINESS SESSION—June 13, 1970—10: 30 a.m.

10. MOTION: Nathan Goto moved that we rescind the action taken previously and re-set the Conference Bar as the first five rows of pews. The motion carried.

11. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR: Bishop Muzorewa asked the Secretary to read the recommendation which Conference adopted at the January Session concerning privilege of the Floor. (See Daily Proceedings item 39 in Jan., 1970 Journal).

12. MOTION: Kare Eriksson moved that the privilege of the Floor be extended to include the Youth Representative brought by each District, This motion was amended to include representatives of, or Chiefs, and Headmasters of

our Rural Primary Schools, because of the nature of the two issues for which the special session was called. This motion carried.

13. MOTION: It was moved that when Conference reached an important issue that the speeches be translated into Shona. This motion was defeated and the following motion adopted: "That everything said in Conference be repeated in both languages."

14. ELECTION: Naboth Gandanzara was elected official conference interpreter and Killion Mvududu as the assistant.

15. QUESTION AND DISCUSSION: The period set aside for discussion of the implications of the Land Tenure Act was used as planned.

THIRD BUSINESS SESSION—June 13, 1970—2:00 p.m.

16. FINALISATION OF THE DISCUSSION OF THE LAND TENURE ACT: Discussion was continued for the first half hour, after which Bishop Muzorewa thanked Fr. Randolph for his coming and especially for so effectively helping us understand better our position under the Act.

17. MOTION: Kare Eriksson moved that conference read the report: "Resolutions from Meeting of Heads of Denominations" following the questions so that Conference may act on the resolutions. This motion carried.

18. REPORT: Tom Curtis presented a statement and the special resolution as follows:

RESOLUTIONS FROM MEETING OF HEADS OF CHURCHES (RHODESIA)

1. We affirm that the new Constitution and the Land Tenure Act cannot be reconciled with the Christian Faith, since they entrench separation and discrimination solely on the basis of race. This is in direct contradiction, of the New Testament teaching that race, like other human distinctions, has lost all divisive significance and should not be used to regulate relationships between man and God, and

man and man. The Christian responsibility to love accepts no barriers and cannot be defined or restricted by legislation.

2. We affirm for ourselves that we will not register as voluntary associations under the provisions of the Land Tenure Act.

3. We affirm that the Church intends to carry on its work in areas of either race and with such occupation by either race as the work requires.

4. We therefore call upon Government to make possible the continuation of this work which we believe is laid upon us by God.

Statement

“Be it resolved that the Special Session of the Rhodesia Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church records its full support and endorsement of the statement of the Heads of Denominations of 28th April, 1970. Further, that the Conference commends Bishop Abel Muzorewa and other church leaders for the stand which has been taken in opposing the Land Tenure Act, not only for the sake of the work of the church but for the sake of God-given rights of all the peoples of this country. Therefore, we empower Bishop Muzorewa, in consultation with the Cabinet and the Board of Finance and Co-ordination, to proceed with these negotiations along with other churches, and to take whatever actions seem necessary on behalf of the Conference.”

After much discussion and encouraging remarks the conference unanimously adopted the statement and the special resolution with a standing ovation.

19. MOTION: Alex Alvord moved and conference agreed that we adjourn for tea and that we hear the report of the Board of Education immediately after break.

FOURTH BUSINESS SESSION—June 13, 1970—4: 00 p.m.

20. REPORT: Amon Dangarembga asked the Executive Secretary of the Board of Education to give his report before hearing the statement of the Board of Education. The

statement and recommendations of the Board of Education were read by Oliver Musuka, secretary. Discussion followed until adjournment. Recommendation: That we give up our Rural schools but retain our Centre Primary Schools.

FIFTH BUSINESS SESSION—June 13, 1970—7: 30 p.m.

21. MOTION: Samson Nyakuengama moved that the treatment of the district Primary Schools should be identical with the treatment of the Centre Schools. After discussion a vote was taken by ballot. Result: 43 No and 57 Yes.

22. MOTION: Eben Kawadza moved that in view of the action taken by Conference concerning the Land Tenure Act, the Bishop and a committee appointed by him seek to inform the Chiefs and Headmen throughout our area of action and implications thereof. The motion was amended by Kare Eriksson so that the matter be handled as part of the resolution adopted earlier by the Conference. (See Statement in Daily Proceedings No. 18). The motion carried.

23. William Marima moved “that the details and recommendations concerning our mission property be prepared by the Board of Trustees and report to BOFAC. The Board of Education is asked to do like-wise concerning the administrative side of this action.” The motion carried.

24. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES: Nicolás Nyamupfukudza gave the report, which consisted of the recommendation that all tenants on mission farms be re-registered as occupying land prior to the enforcement of the Land Tenure Act. The report was adopted.

25. MOTION: Norman Thomas moved that: “We support the resolution regarding Education from the meeting of heads of churches of the 28th April, 1970 expressing deep concern about the whole future of African Primary Education as follows:

Resolution 2. Education

The Heads of Churches have noted government’s decision to proceed with the implementation of its policy of percentage grants for teachers in African Primary Schools.

We repeat our deep concern about the whole future of African Primary Education and our belief that to enforce such a precipitate take-over and at the same time to insist on a large increase in fees could well have widespread and

disastrous results both in education and in the country at large.

The claim that this is a step taken on the basis of the general policy set out in the Judges Report is open to question in view of the following quotations from it.

Paragraph 969 reads: - "An unequal distribution of the proceeds of public taxation within a set of categories determined by the social origin of the recipients is no longer justifiable under the laws of nature, or of nations, or indeed within the considerations of common prudence. The fundamental arithmetic required to divide the revenue available for recurrent costs would be governed, not by considerations of racial origins of the beneficiaries, but by the size of the local populations."

Two further paragraphs dealing with the need for some form of local taxation and of government's continuing financial responsibility are relevant. Para. 963 reads: - "Capacity to pay must be brought into account. A remote and poorly provisioned area with a population engaged solely in subsistence farming would in common justice require a larger measure of support from central funds. "Government would be called upon to underwrite certain obligations including almost certainly the salaries of school staff."

Dr. Thomas continued: - "We believe that the introduction of percentage grants for the salaries of African Primary School teachers is the direct opposite of the policy we support that there should be a more equitable allocation of funds for African education from the national budget.

We reaffirm our opposition to the 5% cut in government grants for teachers' salaries. We believe that this is part of an increasingly unjust shifting of the burden of financing African education from the government to that section of the population least able to pay.

Now is the time to stand firm against the payment of the 5% (or its equivalent) by parents, church, local school committees, or councils.

If as a result of such opposition schools are closed, it is the government which is to blame.

We affirm our desire to strengthen African education and hope that the government will make this possible by

restoring the 5% which it has cut." This motion carried unanimously.

26. MOTION: After discussion Ezekiel Makunike proposed that we rescind the vote (See No. 20 and No. 21 of the Daily Proceedings) and reopen discussion concerning the relinquishing of Primary Schools. The two-thirds majority vote by ballot was received.

27. MOTION: Nathan Goto moved that: - "We affirm that it is our desire to retain authority over all our United Methodist Primary Schools. We will not as a church pay the 5% of teachers' salaries demanded by the government, or collect this sum from the parents. We call upon government to restore the 5% cut and enable us to carry on our Primary Schools. The result was: votes for—74; votes against—23. The motion carried.

28. MOTION: Martin Chiza moved a vote of appreciation to Naboth Gandanzara, M.P. and expressed the congratulations of the conference over his election to Parliament. Conference applauded.

29. CLOSING: Following a few words of encouragement by Bishop Muzorewa, the Conference stood and sang, "Mwari Komborerai Afrika", and Maurice Culver led the closing prayer.

30. APPRECIATION: The Conference expressed warm appreciation for the wonderful reception and hospitality provided by the Old Umtali Community.

31. MOTION: Kare Eriksson moved and Conference agreed to the adjournment of this special session of Annual Conference and that the Journal of this session become the official record of this session of the Annual Conference.

Report on Development from January to June 1970 Regarding The Land Tenure Act

See also Report of Special Committee of Social Concerns January, 1970 Journal

1. EVENTS LEADING TO THE PRESENT CRISIS:

The Government did NOT discuss with the Churches the Constitution Bill nor the Land Tenure Bill which were both hurried through Parliament.

The Churches sought interviews and made suggestions

during the process of Parliamentary debate in October, 1969 to the

Minister of Lands

Minister of Internal Affairs

Minister of Local Government and Housing

who are the appropriate Ministers concerned with the Bill/Act.

The Minister of Lands, in a written reply having rejected all but one part of one suggestion made by the Churches for amendment of the Bill, rejected all the other suggestions as being, in his opinion, 'either unnecessary or undesirable.' Secretary of Lands to Convener of Delegation, H1/T51 of 7 Nov., 1969.

2. *CONSEQUENT DILEMMA:*

"Because the State has made laws which are based on unjust discrimination by race alone,

Therefore the Church would have to acquiesce in upholding unjust laws and so act immorally.

But the Church **MUST** not deny Christian principles

MAY not compromise Christian conscience.

Thus the Church has to choose between upholding unjust laws—thereby compromising Christian conscience by denying, either in toto or in part the principle that discrimination by race alone is unjust—rejecting the unjust laws—thereby rendering itself liable to suffering the legal consequences of refusing to obey such unjust laws". Fr. Randolph.

3. *ANNUAL CONFERENCE ACTION, JANUARY, 1970:*

"Great alarm was expressed by members of the Conference over this Act. A request was made that the Christian Council of Rhodesia form a committee to deal with this issue on a united basis.

4. *ACTION OF THE CHRISTIAN COUNCIL, MARCH, 1970*

At its Annual General Meeting, the Council made the following statement: "The Christian Council of Rhodesia is deeply concerned by the trend of recent developments in this country. It has noted particularly the acceptance by the electorate of an admittedly racialist Constitution,

condemned by most Church leaders as in many respects completely contradictory to Christian teachings; the introduction of a Land Tenure Act based upon racial separate development which not only is incompatible with Christian commitment to non-racial free development but also permits interference with the free worship and witness of the Church; the imposition of a five per cent cut in educational grants to African primary schools only, and the refusal of Government to accept responsibility for the education of all the children in the country. It therefore seeks that heads of churches meet together without delay to take united and positive action to assert and uphold the Christian principles which this nation claims to observe."

5. *FIRST MAJOR MEETING OF HEADS OF DENOMINATIONS:*

On April 27th the Chairman of the Christian Council, Rev. Andrew Ndhlela, convened a meeting of church leaders at the Bible House with representatives coming from thirteen denominations. Bishop Paul Burrough moved a resolution, which after being slightly amended, was carried by a substantial majority. (On the previous Saturday several church leaders met at Bishop Burrough's office with lawyers to consider some of the legal implications.)

6. *SECOND MEETING OF CHURCHMEN:*

On April 28th representatives of Protestant churches met with the five Roman Catholic bishops at the Catholic Centre for a very profitable discussion. The Hon. Garfield Todd served as Chairman. Here the emphasis was on our united stand in behalf of a Christian cause which was gaining the support of the world-wide Christian family as well as many non-Christians. The resolution of the previous day was amended and then endorsed by all the church heads who were present. As in all these meetings, I was acting in behalf of Bishop Abel Muzorewa at his request as both he and his Administrative Assistant were out of the country. This Annual Conference should endorse and confirm our stand which has been taken all along upon the resolution

of the January session of Conference. (Please note that other denominations are following a similar procedure.) Other representatives besides myself at these meetings on April 27th and 28th were Rev. Alec Alvord, Acting Education Secretary, Mr. Isaac Musamba and Mr. John Shryock.

7. PRIVATE INTERVIEWS WITH THE PRIME MINISTER

a) Bishops Lamont and Haene called on the Prime Minister on 8th May, this interview having been arranged since March. The Prime Minister gave an 'absolute promise' that Government would make proposals and submit them to the Churches for comment. That same afternoon the two bishops invited church heads resident in Salisbury to come together in order to share with us the outcome of their talk.

b) Four representatives of the Salisbury Anglican Cathedral including Bishop Burrough, Dean Sam Wood, and two laymen also called on the Prime Minister.

8. THIRD MAJOR CONSULTATION OF HEADS OF CHURCHES:

On May 20th the largest gathering thus far of church leaders from all across Rhodesia met at the Highlands Presbyterian Church. Archbishop Markall, S.J., was elected Chairman. The two groups which had already met with the Prime Minister reported on their talks. It was agreed that a delegation representing all the churches present should have a joint interview with the Prime Minister to which he had already agreed. The delegation of seven including Bishop Muzorewa was empowered to: (a) explain the bad effect of the Land Tenure Act, (b) to not offer any amendments, (c) convey determination of Churches to make stand on principle, (d) put onus on Government 'to make possible the continuation of our work' (e) put the agreed statement (of April 28th) to Prime Minister, (f) wait for Government's proposals.

9. JOINT INTERVIEW WITH THE PRIME MINISTER ON 4TH JUNE:

Discussions lasted for about two hours and ten minutes. The delegation is to act as an ad hoc committee to follow

up this interview and convene another meeting of Heads of Churches to consider further action.

Submitted by
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United Methodist Church Land Owned and Leased

The following information is a breakdown of land owned or leased by the United Methodist Church into categories as established by the Land Tenure Act.

** Land Owned In The European Area*

Arnoldine Farm
Glenada Farm
Mutambara Mission (Including Sunnyside)
Nyadiri Mission
Old Umtali Mission
Residences in Rusape, Salisbury and Umtali.

@ Land Leased In The African Area

Mrewa Mission
Nyamuzuwe Mission
Church and school sites in the Tribal Trust Land
Umtali Christian Centre (Hilltop)
Dindi
Dendera
Nyangombe

Specially Designated Land

Nyakatsapa Centre

* Note: The Land Tenure Act outlines that permits are required for Africans to occupy this land

@ Note: Europeans occupying this land can be required to have permits.

Occupation: In terms of the Act, occupation does not mean just "residence" at a given place. Occupation can also be regular attendance at a given place though the residence of the person is elsewhere.

